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aggregate (ag're-gat)

1. To unite or come together in a mass or cluster. 2. The total of individual units making up a mass or cluster. [L. *ag-grego*, pp. *-atus*, to add to, fr. *grex* (greg-), a flock]

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ag-gran-dize (ə-grān'dīz, -grān-) vt. **-dized, -dizing, -dizes.** [Fr. *aggrandir*, *aggrandiss-*: *a-*, to (< Lat. *ad-*) + *grandir*, to grow larger < Lat. *grandire* < *grandis*, large.] **1.** To increase the scope of: **EXTEND.** **2.** To make greater in power, influence, or reputation. **3.** To exaggerate the qualities of: **EXALT.** —**ag-gran-dize-ment** (ə-grān'dīz-mənt, -dīz-) n. —**ag-gran-diz'er** n.

ag-gra-vate (ə-grā-vāt) vt. **-vated, -vating, -vates.** [Lat. *aggravare*; *aggravat-*: *ad-*, to + *gravare*, to burden < *gravis*, heavy.] **1.** To make worse < bronchitis *aggravated* by smoking> **2.** Informal. To annoy < a talkative student who *aggravated* the teacher> —**ag-gra-vat'ing-ly** adv. —**ag-gra-vat'ive** adj. —**ag-gra-vat'or** n.

aggravated assault n. Law. Any of various assaults that are more serious than a common assault, esp. one performed with intent to commit a crime.

ag-gra-va-tion (ə-grā-vā'shən) n. **1.** The act of aggravating or state of being aggravated. **2.** One that irritates or makes worse. **3.** Informal. Annoyance; vexation.

ag-gre-gate (ə-grē-gīt) adj. [ME *aggregat* < Lat. *aggregare*, to add to: *ad-*, to + *gregare*, to collect < *grex*, flock.] **1.** Gathered together into a mass constituting a whole. **2.** Bot. Crowded or massed into a dense cluster. **3.** Composed of a mixture of minerals separable by mechanical means. —n. (-gīt): **1.** A total or whole considered with reference to its constituent parts < an empire that was the *aggregate* of many states> **2.** The mineral materials, as sand or stone, used in making concrete. —vt. (-gāt) **-gat-ed, -gat-ing, -gates.** **1.** To gather into a mass, sum, or whole. **2.** To amount to. —**ag-gre-gate-ly** adv. —**ag-gre-ga-tion** n. —**ag-gre-gat'ive** adj. —**ag-gre-gat'or** n.

aggregate fruit n. A fruit, as the raspberry, developed from the pistils of a single flower and consisting of a mass of drupelets.



aggregate fruit

Two types of aggregate fruit: (left) a raspberry and (right) a strawberry

ag-gress (ə-grēs-) vi. **-gressed, -gress-ing, -gress-es.** [Fr. *agresser* < Lat. *aggrēdi*: *ad-*, toward + *gradi*, to go.] To commit aggression.

ag-gres-sion (ə-grēs'hən) n. **1.** Initiation of forceful, usu. hostile action against another: **ATTACK.** **2.** The practice of attacking or encroaching, esp. in violation of territorial rights: **INVASION.** **3.** Psychoanal. Hostile action or behavior.

ag-gres-sive (ə-grēs'iv) adj. **1.** Hostile: combative. **2.** a. Energetic and enterprising. b. Boldly assertive. —**ag-gres-sive-ly** adv. —**ag-gres-sive-ness** n.

ag-gres-sor (ə-grēs'ər) n. One that engages in aggression.

ag-grieve (ə-grēv) vt. **-grieved, -griev-ing, -grieves.** [ME *agrevēn* < OFr. *agrevē* < Lat. *aggravare*, to make worse. —see **AGGRAVATE**.] **1.** To distress or afflict. **2.** To injure unjustly.

aggrieved (ə-grēvd') adj. **1.** Feeling distress or affliction. **2.** Treated wrongly: **OFFENDED.** **3.** Law. Treated unjustly, as by a decision of a court. —**ag-griev-ed-ly** (ə-grēv'id-lē) adv. —**ag-griev-ed-ness** n.

ag-gha (ā'gā, ā'gā) n. var. of **AGA**.

ag-ghast (ə-gāst') adj. [ME *agast*, p. part. of *agasten*, to frighten: *a-* (intensive) + *gasten*, to frighten < OE *gæstan* < *gāst*, ghost.] Stricken with horror: **APPALLED.**

ag-ile (ā'jīl, ā'jīl') adj. [Ofr. < Lat. *agilis* < *agere*, to impel.] **1.** Able to move quickly and easily: **NIMBLE.** **2.** Mentally alert. —**ag-ile-ly** adv. —**ag-ile-ness** n. —**ag-il'i-ty** (ə-jīl'i-tē) n.

ag-in (ə-gīn') prep. Regional. Against.

aging (ā'jīng) n. **1.** The process of becoming old or mature. **2.** An artificial process for imparting the characteristics and properties of age, as to wood.

ag-i-o (ā'jē-ō) n., pl. **-os.** [Ital. < Med. Gk. *allagion*, exchange < *allagē*, change < *allos*, other.] **1.** A premium paid for exchanging one currency for another. **2.** An allowance or premium for the difference

ag-i-ta-tor (āj'i-tā'tər) n. **1.** One who agitates, esp. one who is in political agitation. **2.** A mechanism that shakes or stirs, as a washing machine.

agit-prop (āj'it-prōp') n. [R., department of agitation and ganda: *agitatsiya*, agitation + *propaganda*, propaganda.] Communist-oriented political propaganda disseminated esp. through literature, drama, art, or music.

A-gla-ia (ə-glā'ə, ə-glī'ə) n. [Gk. < *aglaia*, splendor < *aglaos*, bright. Gk. Myth. One of the Three Graces.]

ag-leaf (ə-glēm') adj. & adv. Shining brightly: **GLEAMING.**

ag-let (āj'lēt) n. [ME < OFr. *aguillette*, dim. of *aguille*, needle, < Lat. *acicula*, dim. of Lat. *acus*, needle.] **1.** A tag or metal she at the end of a lace, cord, or ribbon to facilitate its passing through eyelet holes. **2.** An ornamental device similar to the aglet.

ag-ley (ə-glī, ə-glā, ə-glē') adv. [Scottish: *a-*, on + *gley*, to squelch. ME *glien*.] Scot. Awry: amiss.

ag-lim-mer (ə-glīm'ər) adj. & adv. Glimmering faintly.

ag-lit-ter (ə-glīt'ər) adj. Glittering: sparkling. —**ag-lit-ter-ly** adv.

ag-low (ə-glō') adj. & adv. Glowing.

ag-ly-con (ə-glī'kōn) or **ag-ly-cone** (-kōn) n. A nonsugar constituent of a glycoside that is resolvable through hydrolysis.

ag-mi-nate (āgmō-nīt, -nāt) also **ag-mi-nat-ed** (-nā'tid) n. [Lat. *agmen*, *agmin-*, multitude.] Bot. Gathered in clusters.

ag-nail (āgnāl') n. [ME *agnail*, corn < OE *agnægel*, a sore on the nail: *ang-*, tight + *nægel*, nail.] **1.** A hangnail. **2.** A swelling or sore around a fingernail or toenail.

ag-nate (āgnāt') adj. [Lat. *agnatus*, a relation on the father's part, of *agnasci*, to be born in addition to: *ad-*, to + *nasci*, born.] **1.** Related on or descended from the male or father. **2.** From a common source: **AEKIN.** —n. A relative on the father's side only. —**ag-nat'ic** (āgnāt'ik) adj. —**ag-nat'i-cal** (-āgnāt'ik) n.

Ag-ni (ūgnē) n. [Skt. *agni*, fire.] The Vedic god of fire and guardian of humans.

ag-no-men (āgnō'mən) n., pl. **-nom-i-na** (-nōm'ə-nə) [Lat. *ag-* + *nomen*, name.] **1.** An additional cognomen given to a citizen, often in honor of military victories. **2.** A nickname.

ag-no-sia (āgnō'zhə) n. [NLat. < Gk. *agnōsia*, ignorance: *a-*, gnōsis, knowledge < *gignōskein*, to know.] Pathologic loss of memory, sensory, or visual comprehension.

ag-no-stic (āgnōst'ik) n. [Gk. *agnōstos*, unknown: *a-*, gnōstos, known < *gignōskein*, to know.] One who believes that can be no proof of the existence of God but does not deny the possibility that God exists. —**ag-no-st'ic** adj. —**ag-no-st'i-cal** (-āgnōst'ik) n.

ag-no-stic-ism (āgnōst'is-iz-əm) n. **1.** *Philos.* The doctrines agnostics, holding that certainty or first or absolute truths are unattainable and that only perceptual phenomena are objects of knowledge. **2.** A theological theory that does not deny God but denies the possibility of knowing Him.

Agnus Dei (āgnəs də'tī, ān'yōs də'tē, āgnōōs') n. [Lat.] Lamb of God, an emblem of Christ. **2.** An iconographic representation of the Agnus Dei. **3.** A liturgical prayer to Christ.

ago (ə-gō') adj. & adv. [ME, p. part. of *agon*, to go away < OE *ā-* (intensive) + *gān*, to go.] Earlier than the present time < three months *ago*> < died long *ago*>

ag-og (ə-gōg') adj. & adv. [ME *agogge* < OFr. *en gogue*, in ment.] In a state of excitement and keen anticipation.

-ag-og suff. var. of **-AGOGUE**.

ā-gō-gō also **ā-gō-gō** (ā-gō-gō') adv. [Fr., galore.] In a lively manner: **ENERGETICALLY.**

-ag-ogue or **-ag-og** suff. [LLat. *agogus* < Gk. *agogos* < *ag-*, lead.] A substance that stimulates the flow of <hemagogue>

ag-one (ə-gōn', ə-gōn') adj. & adv. [ME *agon*, p. part. of *agon* away. —see **AGO**.] Archaic. Gone by: **PAST.**

ag-on-ic (ā-gōn'ik, ə-gōn'-) adj. [Gk. *agōnos*: *a-*, not + *angle*.] Having no angle.

ag-onic line n. An imaginary line on the earth's surface connecting points where the magnetic declination is zero.

ag-o-nist (āg'ō-nist) n. [Back-formation < **ANTAGONIST**.] **1.** *Pl.* A muscle that contracts and is opposed by contraction in another muscle, the antagonist. **2.** One involved in a struggle or competition.

ag-o-nis-tic (āg'ō-nis'tik) also **ag-o-nis-ti-cal** (-ti-kəl) adj. *agōnistikos* < *agōnistēs*, combatant < *agōn*, contest.] **1.** Argumentative: combative. **2.** Struggling to achieve effect. **3.** Of or relating to a struggle.